



December 13, 2004

**DEFENSE BASE ACT
WAR HAZARDS COMPENSATION ACT
SEMINAR**

The Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, will present a one day seminar on the Defense Base Act and the War Hazards Compensation Act on Wednesday **January 26, 2005, from 9 am to 4 pm**. It will be held in the Auditorium of the Department of Labor Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Registration will begin at 8:30 am.

Federal law requires all U.S. government contractors and subcontractors (both domestic and foreign companies) to secure Defense Base Act workers' compensation insurance for their employees working overseas on military and defense contractors. There are serious consequences to an employer who is uninsured for its Defense Base Act exposure. This includes liability for criminal prosecution and possible personal liability for corporate officers. It is important for all parties involved in U.S. government contracts overseas to understand the scope of Defense Base Act and War Hazards Compensation Act coverage in light of the current level of activities of private sector government contractors throughout the world.

The January 25, 2006 seminar will address the issues of Defense Base Act and War Hazards Compensation Act coverage, Defense Base Act insurance requirements, waivers, the benefits available to employees and eligible survivors under the Act, claims reporting and filing procedures, obstacles in handling claims from the Middle East, and War Hazards Compensation Act reimbursements. A final agenda and additional information will be posted on our website on or before **January 21, 2005** at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/dlhwc/lstable.htm>.

If you are a contractor or subcontractor with employees currently working overseas, or a prospective contractor unsure of DBA insurance requirements, or if you are a federal agency contracting officer who manages these contracts, and you have not attended one of our earlier seminars, we encourage you to attend. Insurance claims professionals, attorneys involved in the DBA claims litigation process, and anyone who has an interest in the Defense Base Act or the War Hazards Compensation Act are also welcome. First time registrants will be given priority.

Attendance at the seminar is free of charge, however, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. If you have not already registered, please do so no later than **January 21, 2005**. E-mail the name of each attendee, company or organization name and address, along with the attendee's telephone number and email address to DLHWC-Public@dol.gov. For further information, call Jack Martone at (202) 693-0925.

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**U.S. Department of Labor
Auditorium, Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210**

Tentative Agenda

A. Defense Base Act

1. Defense Base Act Coverage
2. Zone of Special Danger
3. OWCP Insurance Requirements
4. Defense Base Act Waivers
5. Benefits under the Defense Base Act
6. Claims Reporting and Processing under the Defense Base Act
7. Obstacles to Handling Claims Arising in Afghanistan and Iraq

B. War Hazards Compensation Act

1. Introduction to the War Hazards Compensation Act.
2. War Hazards Compensation Act Reimbursement: When, Where, and How

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